



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

10/076,964

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/076,964	02/15/2002	Herbert F. Cattell	10010327-1	1474

7590 07/07/2006

AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC.
Legal Department, DL429
Intellectual Property Administration
P.O. Box 7599
Loveland, CO 80537-0599

EXAMINER

BASOM, BLAINE T

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
	2173

DATE MAILED: 07/07/2006

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/076,964	CATTELL ET AL.
	Examiner Blaine Basom	Art Unit 2173

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Blaine Basom (Examiner). (3) _____

(2) Alan Cannon (Applicants' Representative). (4) _____

Date of Interview: 29 June 2006.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 15.

Identification of prior art discussed: ScanAlyze ("ScanAlyze User Manual"), Dapple ("Dapple: Improved Techniques for Finding Spots on DNA Microarrays").

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: A proposed amendment to claim 15 was discussed. It was agreed that the limitation, "each graphically distinct graphical object represents a single characteristic of the data that is distinct from other characteristics represented by others of the graphically distinct objects" is not taught or suggested by ScanAlyze and/or Dapple. Further search and consideration is required, however.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.



TADESSE HAILU
Patent Examiner



Blaine Basom
Examiner's signature, if required

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.